

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re the Application of: **MITANI, Takuo, et al.****ATTN: PCT BRANCH**Serial No.: **10/551,373**Group Art Unit: **1745**Filed: **September 29, 2005**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **3094**For: **SEPARATOR FOR USE IN STORAGE BATTERY, AND STORAGE BATTERY****RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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Dear Sir:

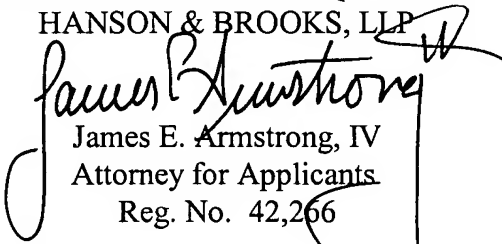
In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application dated **May 30, 2006**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

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In the event that this response is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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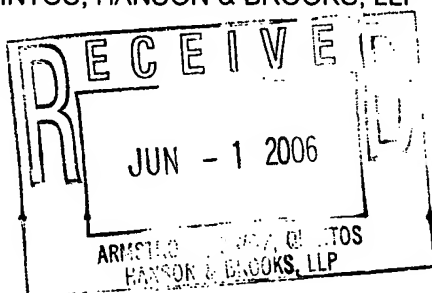


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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/29/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/29/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/29/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/29/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/29/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/29/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/29/2005
- Specification filed on 09/29/2005
- Claims filed on 09/29/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/29/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/29/2005

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

DOCKETED	<u>Yes</u>
DATE	<u>6/2/06</u>

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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